

REMARKS

Please cancel claims 1-3, 6, 8-29. Claims 30-33 have been added. With submission of this Amendment Claims 1-29 have been cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application or such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect these claims. Applicant does not hereby abandon or waive any rights to these claims.

Claims 30-33 are pending. Support for claim 30 is found in the Specification at page 736, line 1 to page 737, line 7. Support for claim 31 is found in the Specification at page 811, line 5 to page 812, line 4. Support for claim 32 is found at page 826, lines 8-15. Support for claim 33 is found in the Specification at page 847, line 6 to page 848, line 8. No new matter is added.

Rejection of Claims 1-3, 6, 8-12, and 27-29 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-3, 6, 8-12, and 27-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

To expedite prosecution, Applicant has cancelled the objected claims and presented new claims. The new claims distinctly claim and particularly point out the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Withdrawal and reconsideration of the rejection are requested.

Rejection of Claims 1-3, 6, 8-23, and 27-29 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 1-3, 6, 8-23 and 27-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner states that the claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor was in possession of the claimed subject matter at the time of the invention.

Applicant has cancelled the objected claims and presented new claims. The newly presented claims are described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor was in possession of the claimed subject matter at the time of

the invention. Applicant submits the newly added claims meet the written description requirement.

Rejection of Claims 12 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of Claim 12, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. To expedite prosecution, Applicant has cancelled claim 12, thereby rendering the outstanding rejection moot.

Rejection of Claims 1-3, 6, 8-11, 13-23 and 27-29, Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

Claims 1-3, 6, 8-11, 13-23 and 27-29, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Examiner maintains that the claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected to make and/or use the invention.

Applicant has cancelled the claims in favor newly presented claims. Withdrawal and reconsideration of the claims are respectfully requested.

Newly Added Claims

Applicant believes that the newly added claims meet the requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as well as the other requirements for patentability and are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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